

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2008.

I. Summary of Examiner's Remarks

Prior to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2008, claims 1-2, 6-10, 16-17, 19, and 21-33 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, the Examiner requested that applicant should specifically point out where in the original disclosure support exists for the amendments made to the claims and for the new claims that were added by Amendment A.

II. Summary of applicant's Amendment B

The present Response cancels claim 32, leaving for the Examiner's consideration claims 1-2, 6-10, 16-17, 19, 21-31, and 33. Reconsideration of the Application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute any original presented or canceled claims in a continuing or future application.

III. Supplemental Remarks in support of applicant's Amendment A

As requested by the Examiner in the current Office Action, applicant herewith supplies the following references in the original disclosure as published in support of claims that were amended or added by Amendment A. Where appropriate, support is indicated independently for each element of a claim. Supporting paragraphs and figures are listed after the claim element or portion of a claim element that they refer to. Where an amendment to a claim was not substantial, no supporting reference is included and the claim is not mentioned below. Where additional explanation is appropriate, further remarks have been added. As shown below, identifiers indicating that a claim is "amended" or "new" refer to the claims listing shown in applicant's previously submitted Amendment A.

Support for amended claim 1:

A method for retrieving and viewing webpages in a web browser operating on a user's computer [paragraphs 0030, 0033, 0112, and 0121], comprising the sequential steps of:

submitting, from said web browser, a search request to a search engine located on the Internet [paragraph 0123] ;

receiving a rank-ordered [paragraph 0019] hyperlink list from said search engine to form a queue of hyperlinks [paragraphs 0025, 0043, 0080, 0081];

automatically loading [paragraphs 0039, 0043] a plurality of webpages referred to by said queue of hyperlinks to form a rank-ordered queue of webpages [paragraph 0112] stored on the user's computer; and

viewing said webpages in the web browser.

Support for amended claim 2:

The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by preloading a selectable number of webpages pointed to by a selectable number [paragraphs 0037, 0043] of hyperlinks in the queue of hyperlinks.

Support for amended claim 8:

The method of claim 1 where said loading is further accomplished by:

determining that a processor within the user's computer [paragraph 0083; Fig 18] isn't saturated; and

preloading a predetermined number of webpages based on the processor's non-saturation state.

Support for amended claim 9:

A method of displaying webpages in a web browser operating on a user's computer [paragraphs 0030, 0033, 0112], including:

displaying a plurality of fully functional webpages in a single web browser at the same time such that all of said plurality of fully functional webpages [paragraphs 0053, 0054, 0120] are simultaneously visible to the user.

Support for amended claim 10:

The method of claim 9 where said fully functional webpages are preloaded webpages that correspond to hyperlinks in a rank-ordered [paragraph 0019] queue of hyperlinks returned by a search engine [paragraphs 0019, 0037].

Support for amended claim 16:

The method of claim 9 including changing the number of webpages that are simultaneously displayed [paragraphs 0053, 0054] according to an input from the user [paragraph 0056].

Support for amended claim 17:

The method of claim 9 including selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof [paragraphs 0095, 0096, 0117, 0146] as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded in a web browser at a later time.

Support for amended claim 19:

The method of claim 10 including selectively deleting webpages [paragraph 0145] displayed or queued for display.

Support for new claim 21:

The method of claim 1 including selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof as a group bookmark hyperlink list [paragraphs 0145, 0146] that may be loaded in a web browser at a later time.

Support for new claim 22:

A method for retrieving and viewing webpages in a single web browser operating on a user's computer, comprising the sequential steps of:

submitting, from said single web browser, a search request to a search engine located on the Internet [paragraph 0123];

receiving a rank-ordered hyperlink list from said search engine [paragraph 0019];

automatically loading a plurality of webpages referred to by said hyperlink list to form a rank-ordered queue of webpages stored on the user's computer [paragraphs 0039, 0043]; and

viewing said webpages in said single web browser such that a plurality of fully functional webpages are displayed in said single web browser at the same time [paragraphs 0053, 0054, 0120].

Support for new claim 23:

The method of claim 22 where said loading is accomplished by preloading a selectable number of webpages corresponding to a selectable number of hyperlinks in the queue of hyperlinks. [paragraphs 0037, 0043]

Support for new claim 24:

The method of claim 22 including changing the number of webpages that are simultaneously displayed according to an input from the user. [paragraphs 0053, 0054, 0056]

Support for new claim 25:

The method of claim 22 including selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded in a web browser at a later time. [paragraphs 0095, 0096, 0117, 0146]

Support for new claim 26:

The method of claim 22 where said loading is further accomplished by concurrently preloading a predetermined number of webpages pointed to by hyperlinks in the queue of hyperlinks. [paragraphs 0037, 0122]

Support for new claim 27:

The method of claim 22 where said loading is further accomplished by determining the available network download bandwidth and preloading a

predetermined number of webpages based on such available network download bandwidth. [paragraph 0037]

Support for new claim 28:

The method of claim 22 where said loading is further accomplished by:
determining that a processor within the user's computer isn't saturated;
and
preloading a predetermined number of webpages based on the processor's non-saturation state. [paragraph 0083; Fig 18]

Support for new claim 29:

The method of claim 22 including selectively deleting webpages displayed or queued for display. [paragraph 0049]

Support for new claim 30:

A method for retrieving and viewing webpages in a single web browser operating on a user's computer [paragraphs 0121, 0122; Figs 13 and 14], comprising the sequential steps of:
simultaneously submitting, from said web browser, a search request to multiple search engines located on the Internet; [paragraph 0121]
receiving a rank-ordered hyperlink list from each of said multiple search engines; [paragraphs 0019 and 0121]
automatically forming a single queue of hyperlinks from all hyperlink lists received; [paragraphs 0121, 0123; Fig 13]
automatically loading a plurality of webpages referred to by said single queue of hyperlinks to form a queue of webpages stored on the user's computer [paragraphs 0039, 0043] ; and
viewing said webpages in the web browser [paragraph 0121; Fig 13].

Further regarding new claim 30, after receiving hyperlink lists (paragraph 0121, lines 7-10) from multiple search engines, "The IRDS reads and parses 1304 each data stream

returned from each search engine and extracts 1305 the lists of hyperlinks from the data streams and prioritizes the hyperlinks, and instructs the web browser to concurrently preload 1306 a number of the webpages pointed to by such hyperlinks.” (paragraph 0121, lines 10-15). Consistent with this excerpt from paragraph 0121, each search engine returns a rank-ordered list of hyperlinks as is the custom. The IRDS is then faced with determining how to merge these multiple lists of hyperlinks into a single list so that it can proceed to the next step per claim 30 (“automatically loading a plurality of webpages referred to by said single queue of hyperlinks”). To merge multiple lists of rank ordered hyperlinks, the IRDS must prioritize between the lists per the excerpt from applicant’s paragraph 0121 above. For instance, if one list was returned from the Google search engine and another returned from the Yahoo search engine, the IRDS may prioritize the first link from the Google list higher than the first from Yahoo, and therefore place the first Google hyperlink in the first position in the merged single list and the first Yahoo link in the second position in the merged single list.

Support for new claim 31:

The method of claim 30 where viewing said webpages includes displaying a plurality of fully functional webpages in a single web browser at the same time such that all of said plurality of fully functional webpages are simultaneously visible to the user. [paragraph 0123 and Fig 15]

Further regarding claim 31, applicant’s paragraph 0123 states “...an IRDS enhanced web browser display of two (2) fully active and simultaneously displayed webpages...”.

Please note that a “fully functional” webpage and a “fully active” webpage are synonymous terms.

Support for new claim 33:

The method of claim 30 including selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded in a web browser at a later time. [paragraphs 0095, 0096, 0117, 0146]

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.
